- (2) If an HQS breach caused by the family is life threatening, the family must correct the defect within no more than 24 hours. For other family-caused defects, the family must correct the defect within no more than 30 calendar days (or any PHA-approved extension).
- (3) If the family has caused a breach of the HQS, the PHA must take prompt and vigorous action to enforce the family obligations. The PHA may terminate assistance for the family in accordance with §982.552.

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## § 982.405 PHA initial and periodic unit inspection.

- (a) The PHA must inspect the unit leased to a family prior to the initial term of the lease, at least annually during assisted occupancy, and at other times as needed, to determine if the unit meets the HQS. (See §982.305(b)(2) concerning timing of initial inspection by the PHA.)
- (b) The PHA must conduct supervisory quality control HQS inspections.
- (c) In scheduling inspections, the PHA must consider complaints and any other information brought to the attention of the PHA.
- (d) The PHA must notify the owner of defects shown by the inspection.
- (e) The PHA may not charge the family or owner for initial inspection or reinspection of the unit.

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## § 982.406 Enforcement of HQS.

Part 982 does not create any right of the family, or any party other tPHAn HUD or the PHA, to require enforcement of the HQS requirements by HUD or the PHA, or to assert any claim against HUD or the PHA, for damages, injunction or other relief, for alleged failure to enforce the HQS.

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## Subpart J—Housing Assistance Payments Contract and Owner Responsibility

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## § 982.451 Housing assistance payments contract.

- (a)(1) The HAP contract must be in the form required by HUD.
- (2) The term of the HAP contract is the same as the term of the lease.
- (b)(1) The amount of the monthly housing assistance payment by the PHA to the owner is determined by the PHA in accordance with HUD regulations and other requirements. The amount of the housing assistance payment is subject to change during the HAP contract term.
- (2) The monthly housing assistance payment by the PHA is credited toward the monthly rent to owner under the family's lease.
- (3) The total of rent paid by the tenant plus the PHA housing assistance payment to the owner may not be more than the rent to owner. The owner must immediately return any excess payment to the PHA.
- (4)(i) The part of the rent to owner which is paid by the tenant may not be more than:
  - (A) The rent to owner; minus
- (B) The PHA housing assistance payment to the owner.
- (ii) The owner may not demand or accept any rent payment from the tenant in excess of this maximum, and must immediately return any excess rent payment to the tenant.
- (iii) The family is not responsible for payment of the portion of rent to owner covered by the housing assistance payment under the HAP contract between the owner and the PHA. See §982.310(b).
- (5)(i) The PHA must pay the housing assistance payment promptly when due to the owner in accordance with the HAP contract.
- (ii)(A) The HAP contract shall provide for penalties against the PHA for late payment of housing assistance payments due to the owner if all the following circumstances apply:
- (1) Such penalties are in accordance with generally accepted practices and